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Correspondence re Training Scholarships.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

126 Claremont Avenue,
New York,-January 24. 1919

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:-

You will perhaps remember that at the annual meeting of General Council, January 10-11, it was voted

> "That General Council appoint a committee of three to place before the Boards the pressing needs for scholarships in training schools (Docket- Student work-C.) and suggest plans for receiving gifts and special funds for financing the scholarships."

I know that last year you wished to be excused from committees, but I hope that you will be willing to act on this one, either as chairman, or as a member of the committee. If you can take the chairmanship will you kindly suggest names for two others whom you think would be qualified to serve on this committee? I wish Miss Davison might do so,- if she is not too busy in the Jubilee matters. However, I will be very glad to have you suggest the others on this committee,- if you feel that you can serve on it.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs.W. E.) Alma E. Waters

Chairman of General Council

January 30, 1919.

Mrs. Wm. B. Waters,
126 Claremont Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Waters,

Your letter of January 24 relative to the Committee on Scholarships in Training Schools, etc., is at hand. I really do hesitate to take on even one more committee for I have already more than I am able to do. I realize day by day how much I am neglecting my work and how far behind things get just because I have more differant things than it is possible to handle but I cannot be a member of General Council and not do my share of the work so that I shall be glad to take this committee if this will be a help.

I think Miss Davison would be extremely good and I think Mrs. Webb, because of her general activity in connection with Student Work, would also be valuable and I therefore suggest them.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB/LLH

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.
6701 Ridge Boulevard
Brooklyn. N.Y.
March 1, 1919.

My dear Mrs. Bennett, -

I have been rather embarrassed by the bills for General Council sent by Miss Hughes. The first was for $4.50 for the docket. The second which has just come is $20- for the minutes. The bill for last year including "minutes of January meeting, docket, Collins, etc. minutes of June meeting" is $20- It is possible Mrs. Lee did not have her stenographer keep any account of her time, yet the discrepancy between $20 for minutes etc. of two meetings, and $25.50 for one is puzzling. Unfortunately the bill for $25.50 is not the final total for I have yet to send out the report of Board action on the minutes.

I am enclosing a check for $22.99- I suppose there is no way of reducing it. I fear General Council will think its secretary must extravagant. This bill is far larger than any other for stenographic services.

If you are at "156" on Sunday perhaps I may have a glimpse of you. If not you will know how all our good wishes go with you and how glad

We will be to welcome you back.

Sincerely always

Mabel Ensor Parker.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Miss Allis
Miss Shirley

6701 Ridge Boulevard
Brooklyn. N.Y.
April 2, 1919.

My dear Mrs Bennett,-

I am sorry I did not think yesterday to speak to you about the appointment of some one in my place as a member of the Advisory Committee of the Secretary of Publications - I'm remember that the action of General Council in creating such a committee distinctly states that "the membership is not necessarily limited to members of General Council". Would it not be most helpful to this committee and to the Publication Committee of our own Board if a member of our Publication ~~this~~ Committee was one of the members of General Council's Publication Committee?

Mrs. Waters is asking me to send out a circular letter and in it will be included the list of Committees for 1919-1920

or I hope it may be possible for you to send me pretty soon the name of some one in place of myself as member of the Committee on Conference. I hope I am not presuming in assuming that my suggestion will meet with your approval.

Very sincerely
Mabel Irdon Parker.

Do turn from General Council to Board matters. If after looking over the administration budget you think it would be desirable to have either of them typed for distribution among Board members when the budget is presented will you kindly let me. If I do not hear from you I shall understand that you do not think it advisable.

April 5, 1919.

Miss Mabel Gordon Parker,
6701 Ridge Blvd.,
Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Miss Parker,

I hope that next Tuesday there may be some opportunity to have a talk with you but meanwhile I am sending you just a line to say that I think it will be best for Miss Sheibley to take your place on that advisory committee for the Secretary of Publications of General Council. In the last analysis she has to take the responsibility for the Prayer Book and as that is the chief thing that comes up, I think it will be best for her to serve there. As I understand it, it is not necessary for me to send word to anyone relative to this — I expect that you will make the necessary explanations.

I think that all of the other matters of which you have written I will hold waiting for an opportunity to talk with you. I really think that will come before long.

Very cordially yours,

MKB/LEH

President.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

6701 Ridge Boulevard
Brooklyn. N.Y.
April 5, 1919.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,-

I fear I made a mistake in giving to Miss Shelby General Council recommendations sent to me by Mrs. Waters with the request that they be placed on the docket for our meeting on April eighth. I telephoned Miss Shelby about them and she said she had sent on them with you so that they have been presented to you, but at second hand. I apologize for my remissness and will try to be more careful in the future. Mrs. Waters' request that these recommendations be placed on our docket- instead of sending them out to General Council members made me forget for a minute that all General Council recommendations should be sent to you.

I must soon send out a circular letter reporting Board actions on the minutes of General Council. Mrs Waters asks me to at the same time send the names of Committees appointed to serve this year. As you doubtless know you are Chairman of the Committee on Scholarships (at least I assume you are Chairman as you are sometimes first). The two other members are Mrs. Lee and Miss Harrison

I suppose there is no question but that Miss Harvin, an alternate, can serve.

Very sincerely
Mabel Boardman Porter.

April 5, 1919.

Mrs. William E. Waters,
126 Claremont Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Waters,

I have just been reading for the first the Minutes of General Council for January. I was away a month and the accumulation of mail on my desk made it impossible for me to get at this matter until now.

As I recall it, I was asked to be Chairman of the Committee on Student Scholarships but as I did not hear definitely who the other members of the Committee were, I am writing to ask the present status of this. I assure you I am not anxious for the work but do not want this thing to slip up because of my carelessness.

With all good wishes

Very sincerely yours,

EKB/IE H

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

126, Claremont Avenue, New York.
April 10, 1919.

Mrs. F.S. Bennett
149, Dwight Place,
Englewood, N.J.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett:

I am glad that you have so soon after your return, recalled your consent to act as chairman of the committee on Student Scholarships. The other members of the committee are Miss Alice M. Davison and Mrs. John Harvey Lee.

I have been delayed in sending out the committees to the Boards by the difficulty in securing a chairman for Westminster Guild reorganization. Mrs. McAfee of the Northwest Board is the only one of our present General Council members of the Foreign Boards who is acquainted with Guild work and it seemed better, in this case, for the chairman to be in this part of the country. Neither Mrs. Waid nor Mrs. Louderbough from the Woman's Board of Home Missions wished to undertake it. I finally asked Miss Parker to send out the committees to the Boards with a statement that the Committee on Reorganization of Westminster Guild was deferred until after the appointment of the new members of General Council in April. I am hoping that then someone from the Woman's Board of Home Missions will be available.

It is pleasant to know that you are at home again and available for advice and counsel.

Yours cordially,

(Mrs. H. L.) Alma O. Wales.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

6701 Ridge Boulevard
Brooklyn. N.Y.

April 11, 1919.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,-

Later in the day or possibly to-morrow I hope to send to Miss Hughes a General Council letter which I trust it may be possible for her to get out early next week.

I fear that the recommendation regarding Westminster Guild report blanks went to ~~the~~ our Board in a rather irregular manner. Mrs Waters asked me to have it presented directly to the Board at its meeting on April eighth. She said it would be presented to the Foreign Board through Executive Committee of Central Committee. This morning the request comes to have it presented through General Council channels. I shall therefore include it with other ad interim recommendations in the letter I am sending out. As our Board has already acted on it, shall this recommendation be included in the letter to our Home Board members? I should suppose that the letters should be identical.

Miss Allen in a letter received this

Yes - for "unfortunately" - add explanatory word.

morning says, "While I should be very glad to have Miss Sheibley's advice, the two foreign women, Mrs. Schell and Miss Foster, are both volunteer workers. Miss Sheibley is one of your executive officers. Would it not perhaps be better for you to continue to serve with Mrs. Waid, and let us call in Miss Sheibley and Miss Hodge when we hold a called meeting? I can of course send any questions regarding publications to Miss Sheibley, just as if she were a full member of the Committee." It seems to me Miss Allis' point is well taken, but if you see fit to substitute a Board member for Miss Sheibley as a member of Miss Allis advisory committee please do not appoint me, for as I said I know too little of the publications of our Board. Some important matter might come up during the summer about which I would not be intelligent enough to vote, and yet there would be no one at hand to enlighten me. I still feel that my place should be taken by a member of the Publication Committee. I have told only Mrs Wallis and Miss Allis of your appointment of Miss Sheibley.

I begin to despair of ever having more than half a word with you, but someday I know I shall, and just now there is nothing very urgent.

Sincerely and affectionately,

Mabel Gordon Parker.

April 21, 1919.

Miss Alice Davison,
Mrs. John Harvey Lee.

Dear Friends:-

You will probably recall that we three have been named as a Committee on Scholarships by Mrs. Waters, Chairman of General Council.

It has seemed to me that we need a preliminary conference before we can accomplish anything by correspondence, especially in view of the fact that I do not know the plans of the Foreign Boards as to such scholarships. Will there be any time when Mrs. Lee will be in New York on other business when we can consult or will it happen that you both will be in Cleveland for the All-Board Conference with the Inter-Church World Movement, April 30 - May 1st? I shall be there then and shall be in Cleveland again the 6th to the 8th of May for the meeting of the Federal Council. I give these dates simply to show when it will be possible for me to meet.

If Mrs. Lee is not coming to New York and we are not all three to be in Cleveland at the same time, would the next best time for a meeting be at St. Louis when we might lunch or dine together or somewhere, somehow work in some interviews?

I am extremely anxious to get this thing started as it may take more time than we now think of.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB/H

Signed in Mrs. Bennett's absence
to expedite delivery.

PRESIDENT
MRS. JOHN HARVEY LEE
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT
MRS. CHARLES P. TURNER

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
501 WITHERSPOON BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA

RECORDING SECRETARY
MRS. RICHARD M. PEARCE
TREASURER
MISS ANNA VLACHOS

April 23, 1919.

Mrs. F.S. Bennett,
Englewood, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

It seems impossible for me to go to the Conference in Cleveland next week. If it is entirely agreeable to you and Miss Davison I would wish we might discuss scholarships at St. Louis. Meanwhile I will learn all I can about our own Board scholarships.

If you think best, I might go to New York before the St. Louis Assembly, but would really rather not go. These are fearfully busy days.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs. John Harvey) Elizabeth Park Lee.

Hotel Seneca.
Geneva.
N.Y.

A. F. FREEMAN
MANAGER

April 26-1919.

Mrs. F. L. Bennett
156 Fifth Ave.
New York.

My dear Mrs. Bennett.

Your letter of the 21st
inst. followed me to Boston,
where I was in the rush of
our Biennial - This is the first
opportunity I have had to reply.

I agree with you that the
Committee on Scholarships should
hold a meeting before trying to
do anything by Correspondence.
But it seems to me that
this meeting ought to be
postponed until we are all

at St. Louis - I will not reach New York until the 29th when you will be off for Cleveland - I am not going to Cleveland - I do not know about Dr. Lee - I start for St. Louis on the 12th - & this does not seem to be much time before that!

Stephen, if you approve, I should like to have our Committee meeting at St. Louis.

Faithfully Yours,

Alice M. Robinson

Sent also to -

Mrs. Goss
Mrs. Pinney
Mrs. Bissland

April 30, 1919.

Mrs. O. R. Williamson,
17 North State Street,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Williamson,

At the meeting of General Council, January 10 - 11, the following action was taken:-

"That General Council appoint a committee of three to place before the Boards the pressing need for such scholarships and suggest plans for securing gifts and special funds for financing these scholarships." (p. 12, 3, c)

The Committee to consider this question of Scholarships appointed by Mrs. Waters consists of Mrs. John Harvey Lee, Philadelphia; Miss Alice M. Davison, New York, and Mrs. F. S. Bennett, Chairman.

The Committee plans to hold a meeting to prepare a recommendation if possible at St. Louis at the time of General Assembly. I would be very grateful if prior to that time you could let me know the plans of your Board relative to Scholarships, the number you carry and any details that you feel will be helpful to us.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB/H

Dictated but
not read.

April 30, 1919.

Miss Alice M. Davison,
156 Fifhh Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Davison,

A letter from Mrs. Lee indicates that it will be impossible for the Committee on Scholarships to meet before we go to St. Louis. I trust that you are to be there for we are now planning to get together there to prepare an outline to report to General Council on Scholarships.

Faithfully yours,

MKB/H

P.S. Since I dicated the above your letter has been received.

Dictated but
not read.

April 30, 1919.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

I think that our Committee on Scholarships will have to meet at St. Louis for I have to go to Cleveland this week and probably again next week and will only be home a few days at any time before I go to St. Louis. If, therefore, we can all come prepared to take up the matter definitely at that time, it would be best. Meanwhile I will write the four Foreign Boards not represented on the Committee asking for their plans.

Faithfully yours,

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
501 Witherspoon Bldg.,
Philadelphia, Penn.

Dictated but not read.
MKB/H

WOMAN'S NORTH PACIFIC PRESBYTERIAN
BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
454 ALDER STREET
PORTLAND, OREGON

May 5, 1919.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Ave.
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:

Your letter of April 30 at hand. I fear that we cannot be helpful to you in the matter of scholarships as we are not carrying any at the present time.

Hoping to see you at St. Louis I am

Very sincerely yours

Flora A. Gass

FAG/ASL

(Mrs. John W.)

" Salvation through Jesus Christ not only a treasure, but as well a trust. "

THE WOMAN'S PRESBYTERIAN BOARD OF MISSIONS
OF THE NORTHWEST

ROOM 48, 17 NORTH STATE STREET

CHICAGO

May 7, 1919.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 - 5th Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Bennett,

Your letter of April 30th, requesting the plans of our Board relative to Scholarships has been received.

The Board of the Northwest has $4000 which is designated as Medical Scholarship fund. We keep this fund instead of investing in a scholarship in a special school in order that the candidate may be sent to the college of her choice. The choice usually has been Rush Medical College here in Chicago. A small yearly cash grant is available for the candidate who may be using the scholarship.

There are three Nurse's scholarships open to Missionary candidates. They are held by the Presbyterian Hospital Woman's Board and carry with them $10 a month in cash for each girl after her probationary period is over. Mrs. Holmes Forsyth, 942 Lake Shore Drive, is the one through whom applications for these scholarships should be made.

The question of scholarships is certainly an important one, and I trust that your Committee may devise some means whereby the available scholarships will be greatly increased.

Most cordially yours,

Mrs. O. P.) Nina A. Williamson

N.M.W:E PRESIDENT.

Spring Valley
P. F. V. New York
July 1 - 1919.

My dear Mrs. Bennett, -

Yesterday I received a letter from Mrs. Wales in which she tells me of the following action of Central Committee at its biennial meeting - "It is the wisdom of Central Committee that the General Council rule regarding equal percent of increase should be abolished so that both interests may be free to base their annual increase upon their own needs". Mrs. Wales says that this recommendation will be presented at the January meeting of General Council.

I expect to be at the meeting tomorrow at "156" and hope it may be possible to have a word with you regarding various matters of which Mrs. Wales wrote. She has had, as doubtless you know, difficulty in getting member for the Retirement & Sick Organization Committee. Miss Purves whom she has appointed cannot serve as she is now chairman of Students Committee and is no longer a voting member of General Council, and so is not eligible for this committee". Mrs. Wales therefore

acts are to serve. I do not wish to shirk responsibility but I would be of little use on this committee, as I am utterly out of touch with Testimonial Guild matters. If Miss Purves has left our committee of six voting E.C. members, Miss Hallcroft the first on the list of alternates would I suppose automatically be advanced to fill her place. Mrs. McAfee comes next on the list. I am wondering whether she could not be made the regular member instead of Miss Hallcroft. She could then serve on this committee and would render valuable service. You know how busy she has been on our N.E. Committee and for a while was chairman. Now if there were no this reason for her advance it seems to me that she should be made the alternate to fill the place left vacant by Miss Purves. Because of her busy connection with General Council. I do not feel that the calling who's who that elects our alternates expresses the will of our Board as to the order in which they are called do you? Nor is their election a very haphazard matter?

With the hope that I may have a word with you to-morrow.

Very sincerely. Mabel Gordon Parker.

Please do not take time to send me an explanation. That can wait. I do however feel that I should tell you that I question my ability to take minutes of a two day meeting without paying a penalty that may last many weeks. I entirely forgot my disabilities when I so hastily consented.

I suppose there is no way out except to wait until fall and do the best I can in the meantime. If there is any other way, do tell me. If not please don't bother to write. I am not worrying now, and I am sure it will all come out right in the end.

Very sincerely
Mabel Gordon Parker.

Woman's Board of Home Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York

Pomona, New York
July 13, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,

This morning your letter came asking the ratification of the Executive Committee of the nomination for secretary of General Council. Oh, if only some one had enlightened me as to the real situation - and what it is I as yet do not know - with what eagerness I would have withdrawn my name as candidate. My one hope is that I'll not be elected. I certainly wont vote for myself!

I don't want to burden you with personalities but I do want you to know why I accepted the nomination and why I did not later give expression to the very serious reconsideration that was going on in my mind. Mrs. Waid's suggestion of my name was a complete surprise. You, in asking for volunteers, said you thought the work would not be heavy, and as it seems to be my "job" to be secretary of most of the committees on which I serve I somehow felt that perhaps I ought not to refuse in this instance. If I had had more time to think it over I would have decided differently. I did not tell you of my fears and regrets in the days that followed feeling matters had gone too far to withdraw. I was not present at the Saturday session of General Council and so did not hear the report of the Nominating Committee, and had no inkling that my fate was not sealed until I received the minutes on July first. And with those minutes was a letter to G. C. members referring to me as secretary! As I had already received a letter from Mrs. Nates addressing me as secretary and as you and lieu or [illegible] others had spoken to me of my [illegible]tion although perhaps not using that mind, I supposed that in some mysterious way the matter had been settled.

Pomona, N. Y.
July 19, 1918.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,

I am sending to Miss Shibley the Westminster Guild General Council recommendations with my vote that they be approved - although it seems to me that there is an unnecessary duplication - in the sending of N. Y. organized literature to Presbyterian - and Synodical Societies.

Thank you so much - for your letter of July sixteenth. Thank you too for explaining about my last press notice. I was rather mystified about it. I am somewhat ashamed - of

the letter I wrote you the other day. I should have kept my misgivings to myself. Please don't give it a thought. I am sure things will come out all right. Perhaps I shall be so well next January that I can take minutes of ten consecutive all day sessions!

I am glad if there was any thing helpful in the Americanization suggestions. My sister and I went over the material together so the suggestions were ours not mine.

I am so happy that you are in the mountains.

And as having, I earnestly hope a hauliful, restful - out of-door time. Mrk every good wish -,

Affectionately always,

Isabel Gordon - Tarbell -

July 21, 1919.

Mrs. W. E. Waters,
126 Claremont Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Waters,

You may recall that at the annual meeting of General Council, January 10-11, it was voted :-

> "That General Council appoint a committee of three to place before the Boards the pressing needs for scholarships in training schools (Docket - Student Work - c) and suggest plans for receiving gifts and special funds for financing the scholarships."

You appointed asthis committee of three Mrs. Lee, Miss Davison and myself. I wrote to the Boards asking them their plans and found that the whole matter was in a rather chaotic and indefinite state. I am planning now as to how our committee should proceed with the work. We have tried to meet two or three times but one or the other has found it impossible to be present and when there are but three it seems to me quite necessary to have a full attendance before we start the work.

As I approach the matter now, I am wondering whether it is best to go on with this or whether, in view of the approaching union of the Foreign Boards, it might not be as well to let this matter rest until that union has taken place as any policies established by the Women's Foreign Boards now will either become of no effect or certainly will have to be readjusted. If, however, you feel that it will be of advantage to have an uniform policy established now, which policy can be carried over into the new Board, the Committee will, of course, undertake the work. It seemed to me, however, unwise to proceed until I knew further from you as to your thought in this matter.

With every cordial good wish, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB/H

126 Claremont Avenue , New York.

July, 24 1919.

Mrs. F.S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Bennett:

While the union of the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions is now decided, in view of the fact that such union may be slow in it's actual consummation, we are constantly emphasizing the statement that in the meantime the Boards are to continue their work according to the methods now pursued. I think, therefore, that the committee on scholarships in training- schools should continue its work and bring in a report at the meeting of General Council in January. Besides, if the Scholarship Committee brings in recommendations which meet the approval of the Boards, further work in this direction will probably be simplified and more easily accomplished. I certainly hope so.

May I remind you of the difficulty we have had in securing a committee from the working membership of General Council for the reorganization of Westminster Guild. The recommendation for this committee came originally, I am quite sure, from the Woman's Board of Home Missions but it has been practically impossible to secure any-one to act on the committee. Mrs. Louderbough still holds the fort as chairman but should have the assistance of other actual committee members as well as of co-opted members.

As always, most cordially yours,

(Mrs. F.C.) Alma C. Watts.

Chairman of General Council.

Regard reorganization of Westminster Guild.

July 25, 1919.

Mrs. W. E. Waters,
126 Claremont Ave.,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Waters,

Your letter of July 24th is at hand and pursuant with your suggestions, I will in the early fall take up the question of scholarships in training schools with the members of my Committee and will hope to have a report ready for General Council in January.

I fear there is some misunderstanding about the Committee on Westminster Guild. When you and I talked the matter over, it was my understanding that I was to try and have Mrs. McAfee placed on General Council as one of our six members in the place of Miss Purves'. The only awkwardness would be that it would be necessary for us to ask Miss Hallock to step aside in order that Mrs. McAfee who had experience might take this committee. I wrote Mrs. Louderbough, asking her if she did not feel that Mrs. McAfee would be the most helpful one of our Board who was possible; in reply, I had a letter from her saying that you had appointed Miss Parker on Westminster Guild Committee and following the dates of these various communications, I assumed that Miss Parker was filling this vacancy of which we had spoken.

I am afraid that now I am confused. Is Miss Parker on the Committee and is Mrs. McAfee wished in addition to her or is Mrs. Louderbough wrong. If Mrs. Louderbough, Miss Parker and Mrs. McAfee were the three members, they would all be Home Board members -- there must be, I am sure, at least one woman a member of the Foreign Board so that I feel sure that either Mrs. Louderbough is wrong about Miss Parker or I am wrong about Mrs. McAfee. This seems very stupid and Iam terribly ashamed not to have this clear but if you could just let me know where the confusion arises here, I would be glad to attend to the matter at once.

I am goingto Stony Brook on Monday and will be gone until the end of the week but after that will be home again for a time.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB-H

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

126 Claremont Avenue, New York.
August 1, 1919.

Mrs. F.S. Bennett,
149, Dwight Place,
Englewood, N.J.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett:

You are right in your understanding that you were to try to have Mrs. McAfee placed on General Council as one of the members from the Woman's Board of Home Missions in place of Miss Purves. My understanding and hope is that she will take Miss Purves'place on the committee for reorganization of Westminster Guild

It was on the morning of my conference with you that Miss Parker told me that she could not serve and I wrote Mrs. Louderbough to that effect but evidently the letter in some way miscarried. In a recent letter from Miss Parker she says she hopes Mrs. McAfee will be able to serve on the Westminster Guild Reorganization Committee. Since receiving your letter I have again written to Mrs. Louderbough at Yarmouth, telling her Miss Parker can not serve and that there is a possibility of Mrs. McAfee's doing so.

My plan which has not yet emerged from a series of declinations or resignations,was to have a committee consisting of two members from the Woman's Board of Home Missions and two from the Womans' Foreign Boards, including a member from one of the distant Boards, and such coopted members as the chairman should wish to call on for assistance. Mrs. Louderbough who has consented to act as chairman, is at present the only member of this committee. Mrs. Prest of the New York Board would be willing to serve. She is our W. G. Secretary and very able . I would be glad to have her take my place as General Council member but, in that case, as the chairman of General Council must be one of its members, I would automatically cease to be chairman before my time expires. The only resident Foreign Board members are Mrs. Lee and myself.I am ex-officio a member of the committee and Mrs. Lee is already heavily burdened and will be specially so next year when the Jubilee will be held in Philadelphia. She is already on the Scholarship Committee.

The General Council members of the Foreign Boards are also Central Committee members and four of them are presidents with the many responsibilities the office entails. Those who are at a distance find committee work at long range somewhat unsatisfactory and, as I have said, there are only two members who can be called on for personal conference.

Though I recognize that such a ruling may be somewhat out of order, I feel that under present conditions it would be a great help if alternates were eligible to service on committees. I believe, too, that it would give them a greater interest in the work of General Council as a whole as well as preparation for actual membership . However, when our Foreign Boards are one the situation will be different and, I hope, simpler.

I hope that you found the Stony Brook Conference interesting and profitablr. Have you seen the account of the Methodist Centenary Celebration in the last Outlook? It has set a great standard for the Interchurch Movement and our Presbyterian New Era.

As always, yours cordially,

(Mrs. H. E.) Alma O. Waters.

Please pardon these unmatched sheets of paper. My supply of General Council stationery is exhausted and the new supply has not yet arrived. A.O.W.

August 29, 1919.

Miss Florence G. Tyler,
Little Red House,
East Aurora, New York.

My dear Florence,

I hate to break in on vacations with anything that resembles business but unless I get things under way now I know what is going to happen - I'll come up to the fall work in a terrific whirl and things will not be ready when they should be.

Can you turn your mind back to the last meeting of General Council - of course you were not there but then you have heard a lot about it nevertheless. At that time Student Committee made many recommendations; I wonder if it realized itself just how many it did make. Amongst others it recommended "that the Woman's Boards provide scholarships in training and other offers of employment and assistance for college girls offering themselves for christian work". As a result of this it was voted "that General Council appoint a committee of three to place before the Boards the pressing need for such scholarships and suggest plans for securing gifts and special funds for financing these scholarships".

I was made chairman of the special committee which consists of Miss Alice Davison, Mrs. John Harvey Lee and myself. I have just been writing the members of my committee, asking them to begin to think along this line and have made some suggestions to them. I should like, however, to find out whether as Student Secretary you have anything in your mind along this line that might be helpful to us. I want to get this thing in shape early so that we shan't come up to General Council with anything that has not been thought out and I thought perhaps you would have more time now to think than you will later - if later is more convenient, put it out of your mind.

This now, please, is a personal letter. I just want to say I'm proud to know you - a Student Secretary who can do nine holes in 47 and lower the woman's record for a golf course is a lady to be spoken of and to with awe. I wouldn't dare let you see me play but I hope some day when you get back you'll come up and let me look at you going round and I'll try to find somebody who can at least make a feint at holding you. My speech about Student Secretaries increases in pep by the minute - it's going to be a very worth while speech, I tell you.

Miss Florence G. Tyler. August 29, 1919.

I've just been green with envy these two weeks thinking of you and Ellen having such a wonderful time. I'm awfully glad she's with you though, and enjoying the charming existence that I know you must lead in East Aurora. Husband talked about going away fishing for three or four days and if he had I should have let the house go to smash and come up to see you but business kept him home and so I'm staying here too. Don't let Ellen get all tired out as she is all too likely to do with a mind and spirit much too energetic for her body. I hear you're going back to Maine for the fun of driving down — it looks now as though the only way they will be able to get home will be to drive. Plans for the fall are getting rather uncertain with the promise of so many railroad strikes.

With very much love and every regret that I could not be with you

Faithfully yours,

MKB—H

August 29, 1919.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
Miss Alice M. Davison.

Dear Friends:-

You will recall that at the meeting of General Council last January, we three were appointed a committee "to place before the Boards the pressing need for such scholarships and to suggest plans for securing gifts and special funds for financing these scholarships", this action referring to scholarships in training schools for college girls offering themselves for Christian work.

I wrote, as you know, to all of the Boards to find what plan they had. The Board of the Southwest and the North Pacific Board have both replied that they have no scholarships and therefore have no suggestions to make. I have not heard from the Occidental Board and I am counting on each of you to give the information concerning your own Board. The Board of the Northwest writes that they have $4000.- which is designated as a Medical Scholarship Fund. This fund is held by the Board and is not placed in a scholarship in a special school, the interest being applied to the work of the candidate. They have in addition three nurses' scholarships open to missionary candidates. These are held by the Presbyterian Hospital, Woman's Board, and carry with them $10.- a month in cash for each girl after her probationary period is over. This seems therefore to allow only 4 scholarships for the Board of the Northwest.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions has set aside $5000.- to be used as training school scholarships for the coming year and is planning to increase the amount in a few years if the work seems successful. We are not planning to set aside a fund, the interest of which shall be used but will take the amount out of the general fund. We should be able, I suppose, to cover 10 scholarships. This is new work for us, however, and our plans are not yet fully under way.

This seems to be about all the information that I can glean and our recommendations will have to be made without very much help. I realize that I am early in the season in beginning work but we are all of us away so much during September and October that unless we have material in hand early we find ourselves hurried in making final preparations for reports. I should be very glad to hear from you as to the points that you feel that our recommendations should cover and any suggestions you may have on the recommendations. I had thought that we should consider:-

1. The amount of money that we should recommend to the Boards to be set aside for scholarships.

2. The question of a general leaflet of appeal that we all could use in raising money for this purpose.

Mrs. J. Harvey Lee,
Miss Alice M. Davison. August 29, 1919.

3. The method by which necessary publicity should be secured for a financial campaign.

4. Or should the money be taken from the general fund of the Boards instead of being a special set aside?

These seem to be the direct things concerning which we were asked to take action. Do you feel that in addition we should consider:-

1. The number of students who might be available annually for vocational training for future work under the Boards.

2. The length of time for which one student might receive the fund.

3. The amount that should be given to a student - whether a full scholarship with expenses or whether just the educational work allowing nothing for expenses.

4. Whether a student should be allowed to choose the institution in which she was to be educated or whether this should be left in the hands of the Committee.

5. Whether the work would be best done by a committee from each Board acting separately as heretofore.

6. The publicity work that should be carried on in order to secure students for training.

7. The form of recommendations that should go to General Council and through General Council to the Boards.

This in general covers the line that I suppose we are expected to cover. Will you make any suggestions that may be in your mind — when those come I will try to put the thing in better shape and return it to you again for further consideration. If either of you know of any Board of any denomination that is doing efficient work in this particular line, I shall be most glad for help.

Believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

MKB-H

August 29, 1919.

Mrs. W. E. Waters,
126 Claremont Ave.,
New York City, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Waters,

That Westminster Guild Committee under General Council is certainly the most elusive and difficult one with which I have ever had to deal: Mrs. McAfee writes me that she expects to be moving about this winter and that her plans are most uncertain, apparently so uncertain that it would be hardly worth while to place her on the committee which must do its work between now and next December. All things considered, there seems absolutely nothing for it but for me to serve on this committee so I suppose the committee will consist of Mrs. Louderbough as Chairman and perhaps yourself and myself; then you and I will have to let others who are not eligible to membership but who are the people who understand the work, act in our places. At least that is what I shall have to do to some extent. I agree to meet with the committee and do all that I possibly can but I shall have to call in those who understand the situation better than I do to work on it.

I am sorry to have held this matter up so long but as you wrote in your letter of August 1st, when we have so limited a number of people it is almost impossible to get enough to make up the committees, when one has to consider whether they know anything about the special topic under consideration or whether they are geographically available.

If this is satisfactory to you I will do my very best to handle this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

MWB-H

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Sept. 1. 1919.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Englewood, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett.

Your letter of August 29th caused me much shame for myself that I had not replied to your former letter of inquiry regarding scholarships. I made inquiry at the time about our own Board scholarships and thought it would be all right to tell you about them at our Committee meeting in St. Louis. Then I was called home.

Our Board has two full scholarships and one partial one which I understand is not available. Besides these we are often given the use of two or three scholarships of the Penna. Medical Society and just now have I believe two nurses' scholarships from

that society.

When I came into my present office I found we had in our Home Accommodation Fund about $28000. We were just planning to accept Liberty Bonds or for Jubilee gifts and in order to do that we felt we must either dispose of them at market value or arrange some way by which we could hold them and yet be prepared to turn them into cash in a very short time. We found that the income of $25000 was really enough for our Home Accommodation Fund, so asked the Board for the present to limit that fund to $25000 and allow the excess over that and all that should accrue to it to form our War Sinking Fund that could be used to cash in our Liberty Bonds. (I may say this fund consisted of 1/3 of undesignated legacy money). We now have in our War Sinking Fund about $15000 and some of us have had the thought of investing that in scholarships after our Jubilee Fund is completed."

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But I late I have been having some other thoughts on this subject and they have come up from the experience I had in the Spring. In had a fine young girl here in my Presbyterian - a minister's daughter who was ready for college and as a student volunteer was aspiring for the College training. I spoke to one of the Secretaries of the Board of Education about her and his reply was, "The Board never assists girls in College because the percentage of boys is so much greater than with boys." That made me indignant and I told him I thought the younger our Church Board changed that rule the better for our Church and nation too.

I have been reading up Women's Boards to make a definite request of the Board of Education to assist girls as well as boys in both College

and vocational training and to grant us either the use of a certain fund each year for scholarships or the scholarships themselves. This discrimination against the education of women reminds me of either the Dark Ages or heathenism or both, but it is certainly unworthy of our great Church and its Education Board.

Before considering your first questions might we make some approach to the Board of Education? We certainly will never get anything if we do not ask for it.

In attempting to answer your second series of questions I can only judge from my very brief experience in my own Board.

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her need, her progress and general development.

3. The amount I help give should depend on the student's need - and the demands of her course and how much she would be able to help herself.

4. I think a student might express her preference as to the institution she desired to attend but the Board should have the power of final decision -

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7- Until I learn your thought about approaching the Board of Education, I could hardly venture a recommendation to our own Boards-

I do not at present know what other Boards are doing along these lines but will be glad to pass on any information that I may secure at any time.

The somewhat uncertain condition of our Foreign Boards' organizations may make it a bit difficult for us to decide on any very big new plans, until our Union plans are further along- But personally I am very anxious to be in a position of helping our young women, and that as Workers's Boards-

Mr. Lee was most enthusiastic over your address in the Stony Brook New Era Conference.

With all good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours-

Elizabeth Park Lee-

(Mrs. John Harris)-

The Holdmere, Lake Minnewaska,
Wilmington, New York.

September 2 - 1919.

General Council
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OF THE
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Mrs. F. S. Arnett
Knight Com
Cincinnati, O.

My dear Mrs. Arnett:

Mrs Prest, - a member of Executive Com. of Central Committee, will act as my proxy, - if that will be acceptable. She is Westminster Guild Secretary for the New York Board. I will meet with the committee when I can and there should be coopted members with experience in Westminster Guild organization. From such a committee I think we can expect good work and a report for the meeting in January.

Miss Hodge agrees with me that in large movements like the New Era, General Council should not be powerless to function because of the difficulty in securing quick action from Foreign Boards at a distance and that in such instances and in emergencies, either she, or I, should, at present, have such power. I do not care which of us has it. Miss Hodge thinks I should have it, in consultation with her, as New Era representative for our Boards, because in her absence from New York it would be difficult to reach her for emergency action. What do you think about it?

Neither Miss Hodge nor I have any personal feeling in the matter, but both think it unfortunate for an organization with the aims of General Council to "fall down" in great movements of the church and in the work of woman's organizations connected with such movements.

It was very refreshing to find, the other day, from our good friend, Mr. Strong, of Setauket, L.I. that he would like to have heard Mrs. Bennett at Stony Brook because he knew her when she was a little girl in the infant-class of the Englewood Sunday School and he was Assistant Superintendent.

I asked whether this was "our Mrs. Bennett" and he was quite sure it was. You wish to have York next Monday, Sept 8th. Mr. Wilson & Mrs. Walker. Sincerely, Emma C. Walker.

WOMEN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
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ROOM 818. NEW YORK.

Chatham, Mass.
Sept. 3 - 1919 -

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
156 Fifth Ave.
New York -

My dear Mrs. Bennett: -

Cape Cod does not seem to produce type writers (of either Kind!) and I feel quite lost without one - But I want to send some Kind of a reply - inadequate though it must be - to your letter of the 29th August -

The Women's Board of New York has no scholarships - so I can give no suggestions from experience - But I think we should have them, & I like the plan of the Woman's Board of Home Missions - I also like some things about the plan of the Northwest Board -

I have considered carefully the subjects you have listed to be covered by the recommendations of the Committee. I think these all important & I have nothing to add. It seems to me that our Chairman has covered the entire ground -

With sincere regards,

Faithfully Yours,

Alice M. Davison -

September 3, 1919.

Mrs. W. E. Waters,
The Wildmere,
Lake Minnewaska,
Ulster County, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Waters,

Yours of September 2nd has just come to hand. I shall be fully satisfied with the Committee for Westminster Guild as suggested by you. I suppose we cannot hope to have Mrs. Bissland meet with the Committee but possibly she can send any plans or thought that she has. If Mrs. Prest serves for you and I secure a member of our Westminster Guild Committee to cooperate with us, I think we ought to have a group that should be able to outline some plan. In view of the probable union of the Foreign Boards, the plan will not be just the same as it would be were the groups to remain as they are.

I do not think that I have written you relative to the matter of the separate Treasury for these groups. I have noted that there was liable to be a pressure brought to bear to have Westminster Guild placed on the same basis as Student Committee and I understood from some that it was their thought that the Treasury should be separate as well as in Student Committee. My own feeling is that these separate Treasuries are unfortunate and I had hoped that when there was but one Foreign Board we might work out some plan by which it would not be necessary for Student Committee to be given the power of dispensing. It might, of course, have a Budget as other departments have but I should feel that its bills should be paid as are other things if we could work this out. I should therefore deplore seeing a separate Treasury set up for Westminster Guild. This is not exactly a case of borrowing trouble for I know this is the thought in the minds of some and I am clear that I have not yet been converted to this so you see we are liable to have a difference of opinion on the Committee.

If it would be possible for either you or Miss Hodge to have power to act for the Foreign Boards at a distance, then I feel definitely that General Council should be the group to act in regard to the questions coming up under the New Era. I am not sure but that it would be better that you should have the vote of the Foreign Boards as Miss Hodge is already on the New Era Committee. This seems to give us really double pressure, and then I suppose, too, she is liable to be away quite a good deal. This is going to be one of the difficulties for this month ——— beginning with the 15th I find that I am engaged practically straight through until the middle of October. I have to add to that that I am not quite certain where these engagements are as I have two parallel sets, one taking me as far as New Mexico and the other keeping me near New York but for various reasons it has not been possible to decide whether Miss Voss

should go West or whether I should. The one remaining home will take the nearby engagements as far as possible.

The whole situation as regards the plans of the New Era is very difficult at present and we need much wisdom to decide wisely. I am convinced that large changes must come in the relation of the women to the general work of the Church. The great problem is that we shall conserve all that has been good in the past in making any changes. There is such a tendency to overturn before there has been set up a new and fine organization to take the place of anything that has existed. It is unquestionable that there is in the church at large a very decided movement on the part of the women toward having a general organization which shall include all phases of women's work, Missions - Home and Foreign - being but two phases of the general work. As I go about I find that this movement is not confined to the Presbyterian Church but is general among the women of all denominations. Many tell me that they have found a new interest in Missions and a much larger group of women interested therein under this new plan. I believe that the time has come when those of us to whom has been entrusted leadership for Presbyterian women in Mission work must look into this question with careful thought and must be the leaders in any changes that are to come, rather than to wait and allow ourselves to be forced into any new position. I am sure that you agree with me in this. I shall hope that you will have the authority to act in General Council in all this matter and that we can get together before long.

I do not recall Mr. Strong except by name but I know that he was the Superintendent of the Sunday School here in Englewood at the time when I was a little girl in it. You know that I have never had but the one Church home - I was born in Englewood and have spent my life right here.

I hope Minnewaska is being restful. It is very lovely there, I know. My painting and papering still go on.

Faithfully yours,

MKB-H

September 8, 1919.

Mrs. John H. Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Penn.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

I have enjoyed your letter of September first much. I am just writing now to ask one question in order that I may clarify my own thinking before answering your letter in detail. Would it be your understanding that our committee could informally approach the Board of Education or would you feel that it would be necessary for us to present to General Council a recommendation that the Board of Education should be approached. You speak of a "definite request" and I am not very certain that that is within the province of a committee.

In case we were going to make a recommendation of this kind to General Council, should we be prepared with an alternative recommendation as to methods to be employed by the Boards along the lines mentioned in our two letters? I suggest an alternative recommendation simply that the matter might not be held up too long.

After having heard from you as to your thought in this matter, I shall be prepared to write more definitely.

With all good wishes

Faithfully yours,

President.

MKB-H

September 8, 1919.

Miss Alice M. Davison,
156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

My dear Miss Davison,

I have at hand your letter of September 3rd relative to the work of the Committee on Scholarships. I am enclosing a copy of a part of a letter received from Mrs. Lee relative to this matter and should be very glad to hear whether you feel that it would be well to take this matter up with the Board of Education before attempting to plan anything further for the Woman's Boards alone. Also the question comes up as to whether we would have the authority to approach the Board of Education even tentatively or whether we should take this matter back to General Council with that as the first recommendation and then to give as our second recommendation a possible plan for the Woman's Boards, this being done simply to expedite matters. You see a good many questions come up and we haven't started any too early in our effort to have a report ready for January.

Mrs. Lee, after telling of the Scholarship work of their own Board, says:-

"But of late I have been having some other thoughts on this subject and they have come up from an experience I had in the spring. We had a fine young girl here in our Presbytery - a minister's daughter who was ready for college and as a student volunteer was anxious for the College training. I spoke to one of the Secretaries of the Board of Education about her and his reply was, 'The Board never assists girls in college because the percentage of loss is much greater than with boys'. That made me indignant and I told him I thought the sooner our church Board changed that rule the better for our Church and nation too.

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You will note that I have quoted in addition to what Mrs. Lee says about the Board of Education her answers to the questions which I sent out. I thought possibly it would be helpful for you to have all of this at hand while you are thinking over the matter. I should be very glad to hear from you as to what you think as to approaching the Board of Education and how you feel it should be done.

With every hope that your summer has been a delightful and restful one, I remain

Most faithfully yours,

President.

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1870-1920

September 26. 1919.

Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Englewood, N. J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,-

Since receiving your letter of September 8" I have read again the minute of General Council's action regarding our Committee, and feel with you that we scarcely have the power to approach the Board of Education unless it would be in a very informal way. I have the feeling that Miss Eddy may propose something like this some of these times and I would like for us to "do it first".

If we propose an alternative, we should either have a meeting together to talk over some of these points you have already proposed, or perhaps you would be willing suggest the plan and let Miss Dawson and me agree upon it with you.

You and I are to be at the Ohio Synodical- Perhaps we could come home together, or go out together - I should count it a great privilege.

These days are so dreadfully busy ones for

all of us that we ought to avoid all Committee meetings that we possibly can.

I hope you & Miss Hodge got it clearly into the heads of those New End men that we do not want a Hogarian Department in the Movement.

With all good wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely-

(Mrs. John Harvey). Elizabeth Parker.

September 30, 1919.

Mrs. John Harvey Lee,
6135 Greene Street,
Germantown, Penn.

My dear Mrs. Lee,

Your letter of September 26th is at hand. I am going out to Cleveland on the Lake Shore Limited of the New York Central on Monday afternoon, arriving in Cleveland Tuesday morning. I have not yet heard where I am to stay but it does seem to me that through Tuesday, which is not a very busy day, we ought to be able to get in a little time to talk over our Scholarship matter. I heard from Mrs. Dickens-Lewis that you were to speak Wednesday afternoon and would leave at once and that I am on the evening program and so apparently I will not be able to get away until some time Thursday. I am afraid therefore that the only hope is for a conference in Cleveland itself but I am writing you at this time as I am so anxious that we shall take this opportunity to talk things over together.

Believe me that I am, with all good wishes,

Faithfully yours,

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September 26th,1919.

Mrs.F.S.Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

My dear Mrs.Bennett:_

This is the first opportunity I have found since my return to the office,last week,in which to reply to your letter of the 8th inst. relative to the work of the Committee on Scholarships.

I have thought over the subject very carefully and this is the conclusion which I have reached.

In regard to an approach to the Board of Education,it does not seem to me that our Committee has the authority to do this. I believe in making the approach,in view of the ruling of that Board,quoted by Mrs. Lee. But I think the approach should be made from General Council;

Then,I think that our Woman's Boards should have scholarships, in addition to any that might be granted by the Board of Education. The psychological effect would be good,in addition to the practical aid.

I would agree,I think,with Mrs.Lee's answers to the questions in general. Some changes would doubtless have to be made when details were worked out. For instance,in regard to the student expressing her preference as to the institution she desired to attend. That would imply a scholarship fund,and not scholarships in certain institutions.

But I see that you ask me mainly my opinion about the Board of Education matter,and having expressed that,the rest can wait!

Yours faithfully,

Alice M. Dawson.

General Council
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6701 Ridge Blvd.,
Brooklyn, New York.,
October 9,1919.

To:

Members of General Council.

Dear Friends:-

With the approval of Mrs. Waters I have delayed sending formal announcement of the action of the Boards on the matters of ad interim business submitted to you early last spring.

The recomendation of Student Committee that it be permitted to retain the balance of $730.21 from the sum appropriated by the Boards for the Northfield Drive was approved by all seven boards.

The recomendations of the Westminster Guild Committee of the Excutive Committee of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and of the Wsetminster Guild Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions regarding four identical local report blanks was approved by all Boards with the exception of Philadelphia which offers the substitute recomendation " That the Presbyterial Wsetminster Guild Card be so changed as to permit of the reporting of answers to all questions asked on the local Westminster Guild blanks."

The above recomendation from Studemt Committee and from the Westminster Guild Committees having received the required number of votes are of effect.

Mrs. Waters asks me to send you the following matters of ad interim business with the request that your Board act as promptly as possible:

The Foreign Missions Conference held last summer at Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania unanimously adopted the following recommendation presented by Miss Peacock:

2.

"Resolved that we request the Presbyterian Boards of Missions to appoint a joint Home and Foreign Secretary to organise mission work for boys."

Mrs. Waters says:

" The secretary who sends this recommendation writes that it was very strongly felt by those present that just as we have Westminster Guild for our girls our boys should receive training and education along missionary lines.

" This recommendation to the Woman's Boards is evidently a recommendation for a new department of General Council and as ad interim business requires prompt action by the Boards through correspondence."

Through an oversight the election of two members to serve on the nominating committee was omitted at the Annual Meeting. Will you elect two from the twelve members of General Council? If it meets with your approval the two receiving the highest number of votes will be declared elected. If for any reason either or both of these two cannot serve, the one or two receiving the next highest number of votes will be considered elected.

Members of General Council are: Mrs. W.E. Waters, Mrs. J.H. Lee, Mrs. C.B. McAfee, Mrs. W.H. Bissland, Mrs. J.N. Goss, Mrs. Rawlins Cadwallader, Mrs. F.S. Bennett, Miss Annie Hyatt, Mrs. H.C. Louderbough, Miss M.G. Parker, Miss Julia Fraser, and Miss Anna Hallock who takes the place Miss Purvis now serving as chairman of Student Committee.

Will you kindly send me at once your vote in enclosed self-addressed envelope?

Mrs. Waters announces, " The Committee for the Reorganization of Westminster Guild is constituted as follows, with the privilege of coopting such additional assistance as may be required; Mrs. H.C. Louderbough, chairman, Mrs. F.S. Bennett, Mrs. W.H. Bissland, Mrs. W.E. Waters."

May I remind you that next month I shall be asking you for recommendations for the Annual Meeting.

Very sincerely,

Mabel Linden Parker

Secretary.

October 15, 1919.

Mrs. W. E. Waters,
126 Clairmont Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs Waters:

I have just received from Miss Parker a letter of October 9th sent to all members of General Council. I find there that she says; "Through an oversight the election of two members to serve on the Nominating Committee was omitted at the annual meeting." It was my understanding that everybody, officers and committees held over until January 1920. I have written Mrs. McAfee as chairman of that committee relative to the vacancy on the Home group of the Student Committee. Have I made a mistake? I spoke yesterday to one or two members of my Board and they also thought that everybody had held over.

I have at hand also your letter of October 13th relative to the sales of literature. I am wondering whether instead of sending out another ad interim letter this matter could be held for General Council especially if General Council is to meet before the holidays as was suggested in our conversation the other day. I am afraid that by correspondence we shall not get the right reaction we need to discuss the matter which is rather general in its bearings. Meanwhile you and I could get together and discuss the present matter relative to the purchase by our Board of the Hand Book from your Board. We could adjust this one matter and the general rule could be left for discussion at General Council. I wonder if this would meet with your approval?

I note also what you say relative to your conversation with Dr. Foulkes. I feel that we just have to live along from one day to the other in regard to cooperation with the New Era. I want to take up all this matter of the New Era, Miss Sheibley's salary, etc. with Miss Hodge and you so soon as the opportunity comes. Would this be possible on the afternoon of the 21st? I have a meeting until twelve o'clock but after luncheon could arrange for this; say two o'clock.

I shall be very glad to hear from you relative to the Nominating Committee as I am afraid I shall have mixed things up by appealing to Mrs. McAfee.

Hoping to see you next week, I am

Faithfully yours,

October 15, 1919.

Miss M. G. Parker,
6701 Ridge Boulevard,
Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Miss Parker:

The enclosed letter will explain my reaction on your letter sent as secretary of General Council. I was certain that the Nominating Committee was to hold over.

One thing I did not say in this enclosed letter was this: I note that in the minutes of our Board meeting of September 23rd the official report was made of the balance of $730.21 being allowed Student Committee and also of the matter of the Westminster Guild Card. As I understand it, your letter is the official announcement. How did those get to the Board? It makes no difference really, I am just curious.

You probably know that a meeting of the Officers Administration Committee was held yesterday. I was not prepared because of my absence to speak definitely relative to the office salaries. We are losing girls who ought to be valuable to us and I want to go into all of that matter very thoroughly. I also feel great hesitation in having a meeting from which you will be absent. I am calling, as you see, the members of General Council for 12.30 next Tuesday and I have a tentative meeting regarding New Era at two o'clock so that I do not see how I could plan to meet with your committee that day. I go to Washington on Wednesday and I shall be gone until Monday the 27th. Therefore, the afternoon of the 28th is the frist day when I could be present. I am sorry to put this off so long but there are not nearly enough days in the week to do all the things that are necessary.

I have not tried to polish the enclosed statement relative to field secretaries but it is the way the thing puts itself in my mind. I think you know that I have felt for a long time that they should be under the general secretary and that she should have a free hand in adjusting matters relative to them. I think you know that I wanted Miss Voss to take this over but she has never done so.

I am more sorry than I can say that your vacation in Duchess County has been given up, at least temporarily.

I think I will not try to take up the details in your letter until I see you.

Yes, there is one matter. Miss Sheibley was disturbed yesterday by the threatened departure of Miss Allison. She is a very desirable young woman to keep and I took the responsibility of telling Miss Sheibley to make the necessary adjustments to hold her until I could see the Office Administration Committee and talk this matter over.

With all good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

Oct. 15. 1919.

Members Of General Council representing Woman's Board of Home Missions.

You have received from Miss Parker, secretary of General Council, a letter dated October 9th. The first four paragraphs are simply an announcement of ad interim business. The paragraph at the foot of page 1 and the top of page 2 seem to me to require some discussion by our group before the matter is presented to the Board on October 28th. I am, therefore, asking you to meet me on Tuesday, October 21st at 12.30. If we could all bring our luncheon we could eat and talk at the same time and thus save an hour. Will you be thinking this matter over very carefully and I would suggest that you do not write Miss Parker until after this conference.

The third matter referred to in Miss Parker's letter is the election of two members to serve on the Nominating Committee. I have just written Mrs. Waters as chairman of General Council that it was my understanding that all committees hold over until January 1920 with the officers. So soon as I hear from Mrs. Waters I will let you hear from me relative to this matter.

Please do not forget the meeting on Tuesday, October 21st at 12.30.

Faithfully yours,

(Mrs. F. S.)

M. Katharine Bennett

October 16, 1919.

Mrs. J. Harvey Lee
Miss Alice M. Davison

Dear Friends:

At a meeting of the Ohio Synodical Society in Cleveland last week, Mrs. Lee and I had a little opportunity to talk over the work of our Committee on Scholarships. As I wrote you before, I am anxious to get this committee's report in shape early as later in the winter I know there will not be a moment. I have outlined the facts as I understand them at present and am sending this statement for your preliminary consideration. Will you go over it with a great deal of care especially the possible recommendations at the end changing the phraseology or the facts or adding to it as it may be best and wise. If you will send this back to me corrected as it would seem to you wise, I will then redraft and send corrected copies to both of you. My own Board has only given these scholarships to college graduates and we are therefore calling them fellowships. The girls seem to like this term and I am wondering whether you would think it desirable that we should use such.

Awaiting your further help in this matter believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

126 Claremont Avenue, New York.
October 17, 19[illegible]

Mrs. F. A. Bennett
156 Fifth Avenue
New York City.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett:

I have just heard from [illegible] Hodge [illegible] that [illegible] a meeting in Philadelphia on the 21st. She will try to meet with us on that day at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] committee [illegible] on the ninth floor.

My understanding with regard to Officers and committees of General Council holding over until January 1920 was the same as yours until one day, looking through the minutes of the January 1919 meeting this sentence caught my eye, "Officers elected in June 1918 remain in service with, reelection until January 1920. Perhaps this is a case where the intention and spirit

COMMITTEE ON STUDENT WORK
OF GENERAL COUNCIL
OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.
ROOM 636, 156 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

October I8th I9I9

Mrs Fred S. Bennett,
47 Dwight Place,
Engle wood, New Jersey.

My dear Mrs Bennett:-

By way of a written answer to your letter of August 29th last:- I have for two months now been carefully considering it's contents, and remember the recommendation of which you speak. It was, I believe, made because of the many inquiries our Student Secretaries have for Scholarships for training of all kinds. The Methodist Board seem to have almost an unlimited supply of such scholarships. This fact is often mentioned by our inquirers. We are able to tell our girls that the Home Board has ten scholarships for the Immigration course at Columbia, and that the New York Board has one at Dr White's Bible School; but these do not really cover the need.

We are trying to connect up our college girls with the special calls which come in to Dr Reed, from the Foreign Field Mr Allaben, from the Home Field, and Dr Carothers from the Board of Education, and hope to have constantly in our office a list of vacant positions in church work. We are working on this right now and any suggestions that your committee may have for making this branch of our work more efficient and helpful will be most gratefully received.

We are also asked many times for advice as to courses of training, and also Training Schools for Christian Workers. Such advice is a bit difficult to give as Training Schools are none to plenty and I find leaders a bit hesitant about recommending those we have.

I feel that this committee could be of great help to us in Student Work and I am wondering if it would be asking a great deal if I ask that when it meets, I be allowed to come in for just a few minutes to get a little helpful advice as to Scholarships, accredited schools, and courses of study for girls offering themselves for Christian Work.

I have very little to offer as definate suggestion for meeting this need, but I believe the need must be met if we are to have the workers we need for the church's program. I have one or two ideas which might crystalize some thing in some one's else mind.

Hoping we may have some part in solving this most difficult problem, and with love to you, dear Lady,

Most Sincerely,
Grace P. Dyke.
Executive Secretary.

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

319 S. 41st St.
Philadelphia
Oct. 18th 1919

My dear Mrs. Bennett,

It was impossible for me to answer your letter of Oct. 15th before I left the office. But I was able to telephone Mrs. Waters. Most of my engagements next week are here, one of them being for Tuesday evening. So I told Mrs. Waters it would be very difficult for me to meet you and her that afternoon and she thinks there will be enough for you two to talk about to make it worthwhile for the two of you to meet without me, though I am sorry not to be there.

I am glad your letter to Dr. Foulkes made an impression and elicited a reply. I took lunch with him one day at Childs' and I discovered that he does understand what our position is but cannot understand why we take it. He evidently thinks we are rather narrow, but until he can convince us of the error of our ways he will not go contrary to our decision.

I think "conferences of some regularity" between Miss Shibley and a Home and a Foreign representative would be very helpful; but I believe a name Mrs. DeWitt Knox gave me recently — "Will o' the wisp" — rather describes me and precludes much regularity as far as I am concerned! She and I do have frequent irregular telephone conferences, but the

other kind would be much more satisfactory.

I have missed you at recent Interchurch Ex. Com. meetings where I have been the one lone woman. I wish you had been there yesterday and seen Dr. White's face when he heard for the first time the proposition to buy Madison Square Garden! But really they were less radical than last spring.

Cordially yours,

Margaret E. Hodge

Woman's
Synodical Society of Home Missions
of California
920 Sacramento Street
San Francisco
2014 FIFTH AVENUE
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Oct. 20.

My dear Miss Parker:—

While our annual Synodical meeting was held no further from my home than San Francisco, it was necessary for me to stay over there a week. I have therefore just rec'd your letter.

I would elect ~~nominate~~ as two members of nominating Committee

Miss Annie Hyatt, N.Y.
Mrs J. B. Goss, Portland Ill.

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Woman's
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of California

920 Sacramento Street
San Francisco

Without more knowledge, I cannot vote in favor of new Dept. for boys' work.

I would be heartily in favor of erecting a new Dept. to supervise salaried field secretaries (probably as many as there are foreign boards) to spend all their time developing Home & foreign missionary interest in C. E. & kindred Young Peoples organizations.

Most sincerely
Julia Traer

October 29, 1919.

Mrs. William E. Waters,
126 Clairmont Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Waters:

I was more than sorry to miss seeing you last Tuesday but I hope the telephone message reached you in time to save you a trip down-town. I have been over-doing and was laid aside for repairs. I wonder if it would be possible for me to see you on next Tuesday, November the fourth any time in the early afternoon? I am to be at 156 Fifth Avenue and will make my time to suit yours, if you could let me know. I want to talk with you about General Council matters and I also want to talk with you about Miss Sheibley and the joint relationships. I find that the fall is a very difficult time as we are all away so much speaking;for the Conferences that are very necessary, they have to be put aside.

Hoping that it may be possible on November 4th to see you, believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

P.S. Pending an interview I am doing nothing relative to members of the Nominating Committee. I feel that I am getting into some confusion relative to this whole matter.

WOMEN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE
ROOM 818 NEW YORK

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October 30th,1919.

Mrs.F.S.Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue
New York.

My dear Mrs.Bennett:_

I have,as you requested,gone over very carefully the enclosed statement. One ~~correction~~ change I have to make. Since sending you the Board replies to your questions,the New York Board has assumed one scholarship__ at the Bible Teachers' Training School,New York City.

I approve of the recommendations,as a whole. Personally,I prefer the term scholarship to ~~that~~ fellowship,but if the other members of our committee prefer fellowship,I would acquiesce!

Faithfully yours,

Alice M. Davison

October 31, 1919.

Mrs. William E. Waters,
126 Clairmont Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Waters:

Here I am again. It was very stupid of me but I absolutely forgot that Tuesday would be a holiday and that, therefore, the offices at 156 would not be open. Now there seems no opportunity to meet you next week as I must be at a conference at Atlantic City for three days so again I shall have to ask to postpone our meeting. I am particularly sorry as I am letting some matters rest waiting for a conference with you and I know they should have attention. These matters are briefly as follows:

(1) You asked me about the contribution of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions towards the salary of Miss Sheibley. As Miss Sheibley is carrying the work of our general Secretary at present as well as her own New Era work we have felt it impossible to make any adjustment in this matter and with your permission will let it rest for the present. You will understand that this does not mean that later we will ask to have any back salary paid. The Woman's Board will gladly carry it at present.

(2) I believe that all of the Committees of General Council as well as officers do hold over so that I do not see why this should not refer to the Nominating Committee as well as the Student Westminster Guild etc. If Mrs. Webb, who I believe was our representative does not wish to continue could Miss Hyatt fill the vacancy for the remainder of the year? I am sure that we ought to have sent in names for the Nominating Committee because of this misunderstanding. Miss Fraser did write nominating Miss Hyatt and Mrs. Webb if these were to be the nominees. Would not Mrs. McAfee continue if you are going to interpret the rule that it covered committees?

(3) I wish to talk with you further as to the matter of literature sold from one Board to another. I have a number of questions along this line that have come in from our literature department but it seems to me that it will be quite out of the question to take those up in a letter.

I might say further at this time that I will not be at 156 again until the 11th and then again the 14th. On the former date I shall be busy until rather late in the afternoon but could see you after half past three probably. On the 14th I will make an engagement for any hour of the morning.

With every good wish believe me that I am

Faithfully yours,

November 3, 1919.

Miss Alice M. Davison,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Davison:

I am at this time just writing to acknowledge your letter relative to the statement which I sent you as a possible model for the report of our Committee to General Council. As I have copies of this statement and as I feel that you may need it later for reference I am returning this copy to you. I have not heard from Mrs. Lee yet so can only note your addition relative to a scholarship held by the New York Board.

Believe me that I am

Very sincerely yours,

General Council

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I think [illegible] way [illegible] of the difficulty about committees, I am sure you know that I don't wish to be an obstructionist. Sorry to send this letter pinned instead of typed.

A. O. W.

126 Clarement Avenue, New York.
November 8 - 1919.

General Council
OF THE
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OF THE
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Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
149 Dwight Place,
Englewood, N. J.

My Dear Mrs. Bennett:

I'm sorry to lose an opportunity of talking with you about the selling of literature from one Board to another and about other matters but I shall be in Chicago next week for the meeting of the Unification Committee and we can not meet with you on the 14th.

I hope it may be possible to meet sometime the following week, though I fear I shall not be free until Friday.

As always, yours cordially,
(Mrs. H. C.) Anna C. Hazen.

November 21, 1919.

Mrs. William E. Waters,
126 Claremont Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Waters:

I have, as you know, a long list of things awaiting our conference and Mrs. Londerbough is very anxious that on the same day when we meet for our conference, the Westminster Guild should also meet. I wonder whether it would be possible for us to get together on the afternoon of Tuesday, December 2nd about three o'clock? Will you let me know whether that would be possible for you. I will hold it pending further word from you.

Very sincerely yours,

CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARDS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.
501 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

November
Twentyfour,
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Mrs. F. S. Bennett,
Englewood, N.J.

My dear Mrs. Bennett:-

In deep humility of spirit I address myself to you on the subject of Scholarships, since I realize how very slow I have been in sending youmy opinion on the recommendations contained in your letter of October 11th to Miss Davison and me.

In going over the whole matter, I am inclined to think that all our future attitude regarding scholarships will depend on the decisions of the Board of Education, and for that reason I would like to defer further action until we hear from the Board of Education. Requirements regarding scholarship standing, institutions selected, etc, would doubtless need to comply with the requirements of that Board; do you not think so? For that reason I think it would be best not to lay down any rules at this time.

I hope General Council may empower our Committee to go ahead with the Board of Education, and that we may be very successful in securing abundant help for the girls of our church as well as for the boys.

Yours very sincerely,

(Mrs. John Harvey) Elizabeth Sarah Lee

Dictated but not signed.

General Council
OF THE
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OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

6701 Ridge Boulevard
Brooklyn. N.Y.
November 28, 1919.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,-

Do you wish to appoint a General Council alternate before the annual meeting? As you know there is a vacancy caused by the removal of Miss Purves. The present alternates are, Mrs. McAfee, Mrs. Fennald, Mrs. Cobb, Miss Shields Mrs. Corning.

I have wanted to speak to you about the few letters I need to have typewritten. All but circular letters I write myself. The two or three I sent out this fall went through the General Secretary's office. Miss Shelley says Miss Hamilton can get out the dockets for the next month, and any letters I may have to send. In January of course there will be the minutes. May I also have those done at "156". It was very awkward last year to keep sick Miss Hughes at such long distance. I do not know just how to pay for the work I have done, nor do I see why the secretary should pay for any of her work except the minutes and perhaps the dockets. The chairman has no funds for such expenses. Has

she, or have the standing committees? By the way I owe you 66¢ and will try to remember to pay it at next Board meeting.

I have been thinking long and earnestly of my future connection with General Councils. Home duties are more pressing than ever before, and with present chaotic conditions in domestic service and the prospect of a move in the spring I do not see a clear path ahead. If only I were stronger outward circumstances would be of less moment, but since an operation five years ago, I have had unruly nerves that are at times difficult to cope with. It seems impossible to do all I would and want to. I have therefore come to the conclusion that I must not accept the secretaryship for the coming year if it is offered me, and also that I should lean General Council. You want strong active members, not minimum individuals. I wish Miss Eff might go on in my place. She would find the secretarial work nothing compared to Westminster Guild, and she would be helpful in many ways.

I so wish, dear Mrs. Bennett, that I could be of more service but I seem hedged in by limitations. Some of them are only temporary. I am sure.

Very sincerely
Mabel Gordon Parker

December 1, 1919.

Miss Mabel G. Parker,
6701 Ridge Boulevard,
Brooklyn, New York.

My dear Miss Parker:

I do not believe that it is necessary to appoint an alternate for General Council. We certainly will not need more than five. However, is it not true that we ought to appoint our new members for the coming year, before the elections on January 21st? I am just a little confused about this. You see, we elected the members and alternates of General Council at our Annual meeting but we may need changes in the membership in order to fill the offices concerning which I am writing in the enclosed letter. The change of date of the Annual Meeting to January has confused us greatly. I wish you would be thinking about this and we will take it up when the members of General Council get together which must be at a comparatively early date. I wonder if we could meetion Tuesday, December 9th after the Board meeting? Since dictating this much in your letter, I have decided to add to my General Council letter, suggesting that we have a meeting on the 9th. This is a very cumbersome matter. You see that you automatically go out from the secretaryship as it is now the turn of the Foreign Boards to provide that officer.

Have whatever work you can get done in the office. I do not think that they can do the minutes for they are so busy. I could not have them done here either so it will probably be necessary to have them done in some office in the building but all the correspondence and things, Miss Hamilton can handle for General Council.

I may see you tomorrow at "156" but meanwhile am sending this to make certain.

GENERAL COUNCIL
of the
WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS
of the
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U.S.A.

December 15, 1919

To Synodical and Presbyterial Officers.

Dear Friends:-

In view of the fact that there is in some places misunderstanding regarding the financial relationship of the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions to the New Era Movement, we are enclosing to you copies of one section from the "Question Box" issued by the New Era Movement; - see pages 13 and 14 of that pamphlet.

In the budget apportioned to the local church is included the amount to be raised by Women's and Young People's Organizations. Therefore, these organizations should report to the church treasurer the full amount that they have raised but this amount is to be transmitted by the Women's Societies and Young People's Organizations through the usual channel of the Presbyterial treasurer to the Woman's Boards.

The misunderstanding seems to be due to the fact that the total amount being in the church budget, church treasurers felt that the whole amount should pass through their hands. As the matter is important, please make it clear throughout your organizations, and to pastors and church treasurers wherever necessary.

Additional copies of reprint can be secured from the Woman's Boards of Home and Foreign Missions.

Very sincerely yours,

(Miss) Margaret E. Hodge

Executive Secretary of the Woman's Boards
of Foreign Missions

(Mrs. F. S.)M. Katharine Bennett

President of the Woman's Board
of Home Missions

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December 17, 1919.

Miss Alice M. Davison,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Davison:

I wonder if after this long period of time you have quite forgotten the Committee in Training Scholarship. I did not hear from Mrs. Lee in reply to my last letter until quite recently. It is Mrs. Lee's thought that it would be better for our committee to report to General Council as follows: "This Committee asks General Council to empower it to approach the Board of Education asking that Board to make a definite plan to assist girls as well as boys in both college and vocational training." Mrs. Lee's thought is that if the Board of Education should decide to answer this request affirmatively, all other plans would have to be adjusted to meet it and that it is useless to suggest such plans until we know the attitude of the Board of Education.

Personally, I would have preferred an alternative plan to be ready but in view of the fact of the consolidation of the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions, I do question the advisability of asking all of the six Boards at this time to act upon a policy which would doubtless have to be acted upon a gain by the new Board and I therefore, agree with Mrs. Lee that at this time we may make the report as indicated above and then say that further plans should await the consolidation of the Foreign Boards. If you will let me hear from you on this matter, I think I can prepare a report for General Council without bothering you further.

Faithfully yours,

WOMEN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
No. 156 FIFTH AVENUE,
ROOM 818. NEW YORK.

December 26th,1919.

Mrs.F.3.Bennett,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mrs.Bennett:_

Your letter of the 17th inst.was duly received.

In regard to the suggested approach to the Board of Education,I think with you,that I would have preferred an alternative plan to be ready. But perhaps that would have been an unnecessary expenditure of time,in view of the consolidation of our Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions. I am therefore willing to agree with you and Mrs.Lee in making this report__

" This Committee asks General Council to empower it to approach the Board of Education, asking that Board to make a definite plan to assist girls as well as boys in both college and vocational training.." Further plans to await the consolidation of the Foreign Boards.

Faithfully yours,

Otis M. Dawson

General Council

6701 Ridge Boulevard
Brooklyn. N.Y.
December 17, 1919.

My dear Mrs. Bennett;-

This morning I received a letter from Mrs. Waters in which she says that as no action was taken on the the following recommendation presented at the last meeting of General Council it should be placed on the docket for our next meeting under Unfinished Business. The recommendation is from our own Board and reads as follows.

"Year Book of Prayer--

'Disposal of Unsold Surplus.

I/ "That in case there be an unsold surplus at the end of the year, the stock remaining shall be appraised at cost value and the Board or Boards holding it shall receive a rebate from the other Board or Boards equal to one-half the cost price of said surplus Year Book of Prayer".

Unless I hear from you to the contrary I shall carry out Mrs. Waters instructions to place above on docket for the meeting of January twenty-first.

Very sincerely
Mabel Gordon Parker.

General Council
OF THE
Woman's Boards of Missions
OF THE
Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

6701 Ridge Boulevard
Brooklyn. N. Y.
December 4. 1919.

My dear Mrs. Bennett,

I expect to be at the meeting of General Council members which you are calling for December 9th. It does make it very awkward to have G. C. annual meeting in January. As officers are to be elected I should think our G. C. members for the coming year would have to be elected now.

Personally I am very glad the secretaryship of General Council is to go to the Foreign Boards. For I hated to ask to be relieved. As officers and chairmen of standing committees had been asked to "hold over until Jan. 1920." I assumed that the extra months were simply an extension of one year's service - not two terms.

Very sincerely
Mabel Gordon Parker

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TREASURER
MRS. B. F. EDWARDS

Mrs F. F. Bennett
156 Fifth Av. New York

My dear Mrs Bennett -

In reply to your letter of Apr. 30, regarding scholarships - would say that since the Assembly's Board adopted the Station Fan we have not given scholarships. When donors have requested them we have explained the change and urged them to send the amount usually required to some station where educational work was strong. As a rule people have accepted this altho many requests still come in for scholarships - and some designate their gifts in that way from force of habit. We do not however make any such designation on our list of work.

Sincerely Yours
Julia E. Hyde Sec. for Specific Work

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Mrs F. S. Bennett -
156 Fifth Av.
New York

My dear Mrs. Bennett -

Thru conversation with Miss Hodge while she was in the city I learned that we had misunderstood your letter of April 30 - in which you ask for the plans of our Board relative to scholarships.

As Secretary of Social Work "scholarships" to me means those in our mission schools - hence my reply.

Our Board has no scholarship fund from which to help candidates.

Very rarely requests for assistance in that line come to us. & there have been cases when we have advanced small sums from our Emergency Fund.

I regret my mistake and also that

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